

Mr. Killam was also known for his love of the outdoors. He owned several large ranches, and implemented a game management program which allowed hunters to hunt wild game on his ranch. The City of Laredo benefited a great deal from the philanthropy of Mr. Killam. He left behind a remarkable legacy that continues to inspire those who knew and loved him. Mr. Radcliffe Killam truly led by example and it is to his credit that Laredo has advanced a great deal as one of the leading trade ports and economies in South Texas, with more opportunities for higher education for the youth of the community due to his investments in TAMU.

Mr. Killam is survived by his wife, Sue, of sixty-five years, his son David and his wife, Hayley, his daughter, Adrian Kathleen, his daughter Tracy DiLeo and her husband, Michael, and four grandsons, Radcliffe Killam II, David Killam, Nicholas and Joseph DiLeo. Mr. Killam was preceded in death by his daughter Terry Killam Wilber, his brother Winfield Killam, and his sister Patricia Louise Killam Hurd.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize Mr. Radcliffe Killam, and I thank you for this time.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF
LARRY WEISS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Larry Weiss upon his retirement following nearly forty years of service to build and advance Bowling Green State University.

Most recently, Larry has served as Bowling Green's Vice President for University Relations and Governmental Affairs. He has worked closely with the university's presidents, including its current President, Dr. Sidney Ribeau, always demonstrating honesty, skill, and integrity. During his career, Larry met notables such as Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Doc Severinsen, but never failed to treat all people with equanimity—affording respect to students, university staff, families, and visitors alike.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Larry graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and a specialization in public relations. Following graduation, he began his business career in the Press Relations Department of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Toledo.

In 1973, Larry returned to his alma mater as Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs where he undertook a \$2.2 million campaign to build an alumni center on campus. Five years later, he was promoted to Director of Alumni Affairs. In 1998, Larry incorporated state government relations into his job responsibilities while still serving as alumni director. In August, 2000, he moved to the President's Office where he continued to serve the President and the community.

During his tenure in the Alumni Office, Larry served as chair of the University's 7th Anniversary celebration. He was one of three alumni administrators in the United States selected by the Asian Institute of Management for travel to Manila, Philippines to train Filipino educators. He also served as host of a weekly television show called "Time Out" on the local PBS affiliate.

In addition to his responsibilities at BGSU, Larry served on the boards of trustees for the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation and the United Way of Greater Toledo. He is also a University representative on the Toledo Symphony Board.

One of Larry's avocations is baseball. As an 18-year-old standout, he had a scheduled tryout for the Baltimore Orioles organization. It appeared as though Larry was destined to be a professional baseball player. However, the week before his tryout, he broke his wrist and was unable to tryout. With a broken wrist, his life path changed and he decided to go to college at Bowling Green State University. At BGSU he fell in love and married Frances Greiger and also fell in love with BGSU. Not only has the marriage thrived in 42 years, but Larry's love for baseball still continues. Since 1995 Larry has played in an adult baseball league and annually plays in the Legends of Baseball League in Cooperstown, New York. This past August, Larry was inducted into the Legends of Baseball Hall of Fame.

His family jokes that while on family vacations in other states people would recognize Larry—"Larry Weiss, Bowling Green State University" and his relationship with Bowling Green State University will continue. He will lead the University's 100th anniversary celebration.

Upon Larry Weiss' official retirement from Bowling Green State University, I wish him time to spend with family and friends doing that which he most enjoys as he travels this new road of life. We know that his lifetime of dedication to building Bowling Green State University into one of the largest recognized universities in the state will not end with retirement. Let us express to Larry and his family our sincerest gratitude and Godspeed in the years ahead.

HONORING WILLIAM MURDOCK
AND ELBEN CHARITIES

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional service of a most distinguished constituent, William Murdock. Mr. Murdock serves as Executive Director of the Eblen Charities and Eblen Center for Social Enterprise, an Asheville-based non-profit organization that assists low-income children, adults, and families battling illnesses and disabilities.

Mr. Murdock is a graduate of Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College, Mars Hill College, Duke University, and the Harvard Business School. Along with his work at Eblen Charities, Mr. Murdock lectures at Duke University and has been named an outstanding scholar in social enterprise by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England.

Growing up in Asheville, North Carolina, Mr. Murdock developed a passion for wrestling which he pursued as a student-athlete and then as a high school coach. He is widely regarded as one of wrestling's preeminent historians and was most recently honored as the first recipient of the Lou Thesz World Heavyweight Championship Award. The award recognizes an individual connected with wrestling who has "taken the skills, courage and mental toughness that are the essentials of the sport and has applied those characteristics to the realm of public service." In nearly two decades of service at the Eblen Charities, Mr. Murdock has done that and more.

Under his leadership, Eblen Charities has grown from a two-person partnership that assisted 300 families in 1991 to a world-class organization that served 65,000 in 2006. Mr. Murdock currently oversees roughly 60 programs designed to help families in western North Carolina secure health care coverage, low-cost prescription drugs, heating and cooling for their homes, and other life essentials. In so doing, Mr. Murdock delivers hope in trying times and the wherewithal to meet whatever challenges might lie ahead.

His example serves to remind us that a single individual, armed with compassion, ingenuity, and resolve, can do extraordinary things. I am honored to represent Mr. Murdock in the United States Congress, and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding his outstanding work.